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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, MX, US  
SUBJECT: CUBAN CONSUL ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT--PROSECUTION  
OF SUSPECTS

REF: STATE 104283

1. INFO ON STATUS OF CASTILLO AND JIMENEZ PROVIDED FOREIGN SECRETARIAT AND SUBSEQUENTLY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE.
2. RE PARAS 4 THROUGH 6 REFTTEL, EMBOFF ASKED FOREIGN SECRETARIAT DIRECTOR IN CHIEF JURIDICAL AFFAIRS JULIO ANTONIO GALLARDO TO ASCERTAIN DEGREE OF GOM INTEREST IN REQUESTING US TO EXTRADITE CASTILLO AND JIMENEZ. HE PASSED WORD TO LICENCIADO RODOLFO CHAVEZ CALVILLO, CHIEF OF AVERIGUACIONES PREVIAS IN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, WHO REPLIED MAY 11 THAT GOM WAS INDEED INTERESTED IN REQUESTING EXTRADITION OF BOTH CASTILLO AND JIMENEZ. HE SAID THAT MEXICAN COURT HAD ALREADY ISSUED AN ORDER FOR RE-ARREST OF JIMENEZ FOLLOWING HIS ESCAPE. IT WILL BE NECESSARY AS PRELIMINARY TO ANY EXTRADITION REQUEST TO OBTAIN A COURT ORDER FOR ARREST OF GUSTAVO CASTILLO.  
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THIS STEP COULD TAKE SOME TIME, BUT CHAVEZ SAID IT WOULD BE INITIATED SOON. HE EXPLAINED THAT QUESTION OF WHICH MEXICAN TRIBUNAL HAD JURISDICTION IN THE CUBAN CONSUL CASE HAD BEEN RESOLVED BY SUPREME COURT ON APRIL 25, WHICH DETERMINED THAT JURISDICTION LIES WITH THE COURT IN QUINTANA ROO STATE. WITH THIS QUESTION RESOLVED, WAY WAS CLEAR TO PROCEED WITH EXTRADITION REQUEST, CHAVEZ SAID.

3. EMBASSY DID NOT SOLICIT EXTRADITION REQUEST FROM MEXICAN CONTACTS, BUT ASSURED THEM THAT DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACT AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE TO PROCESS REQUEST IF RECEIVED, ADDING THAT DECISION ON EXTRADITION IS MADE IN WASHINGTON ON BASIS OF GOM REQUEST. (OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT FORMAL REQUEST GOES FROM FOREIGN SECRETARIAT TO MEXICAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON AND THENCE TO DEPT.)

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER GOM WILL PURSUE EXTRADITION COURSE, BUT WILL FOLLOW UP DISCREETLY WITH CHAVEZ.

5. ON ASPECT OF OBTAINING DOCUMENTATION DESCRIBED STATE 079996, LEGATT FORWARDED CERTIFIED AND AUTHENTICATED PHOTOCOPIES ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6 OF LIST TO ITS WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS ON MAY 3. ARRANGEMENTS NOW COMPLETE FOR LEGATT REPRESENTATIVE TO PHOTOGRAPH PISTOLS, SILENCER AND CANS OF EXPLOSIVES. EMBASSY HAS NAME OF SUPREME COURT OFFICIAL WHO HAS TRIAL RECORD AND WILL BE CONTACTING HIM SHORTLY. THOMPSON

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